

9. (Amended) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:  
a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree trunk, and

C 5 a pair of parallel end sections attached to opposite ends of said web, each of said end sections defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough[, and adapted to receive] for receiving a mounting member[s] of the tree shaking apparatus; and

a pair of apertures approximately parallel and adjacent to the bore of each of said end section extending at least part way through said pad.

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¶4. Please add claims 10 through 15 as follows:

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10. (New) A pad for a tree shaking apparatus comprising:  
a resilient polymeric web adapted to wrap around a portion of a tree trunk when operating the tree shaking apparatus, said web defining a first surface to contact a tree and an opposing surface, said opposing surface being generally concave when at rest; and

C 5 a pair of parallel end sections each defining a bore extending longitudinally therethrough for receiving a mounting member of the tree shaking apparatus.

11. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first surface is generally planar.

12. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said first surface is less concave than said opposing surface.

13. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 10 wherein said pad is formed in a single piece.

14. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 wherein said pad is formed from polyurethane or polyethylene.

15. (New) The pad for a tree shaking apparatus of claim 13 further comprising an aperture approximately parallel to said bores through said pad in a transition area between said web and said end section.

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¶5. Support for claim 10-12 may be found in the specification at page 3, lines 23-28 and Figure 1. Support for claim 13 is in Figure 1, and for claim 14 in originally filed claims 3-4 as well as the specification, page 3, lines 20-22. Support for claim 15 may be found in the specification, page 2, lines 31-32; and page 4, lines 1-3. Applicant believes no new matter is added by way of these claim additions.

#### REMARKS

¶6. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are pending in the above-referenced application, in addition to newly added claims 10-16 above. All prior claims stand rejected by the Office Action dated 8/13/01. All citations below to page and line numbers of